GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES IN POSTAL DEPARTMENT
Patil Shri Pratik Prakashbapu

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts has incurred losses due to faulty agreement with U.A.E.;

(b) if so, the losses incurred as a result thereof;

(c) whether any sort of statutory action has been taken against the officials responsible in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)to(d) In the Performance Review Report for the year 2006-07, Audit has stated that in December, 2001 Department of Posts signed an operational agreement for Express Parcel Service with UAE (Emirates Post) and further stated that as a result of lacunae in the MOU, Department of Posts suffered a loss of Rs. 9.15 crores as calculated by Audit. This has not been accepted by Department of Posts. Department did notice certain lapses on the part of two officers one of whom has already retired on superannuation.Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against both. Disciplinary Authority after considering the report of Inquiry Officer and the evidence adduced during the inquiry dropped the proceedings against one of the charged Officers. Proceedings against the retired officer are not yet concluded.